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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Date:

5-17-22

To:

Town of Los Gatos, Community Development Dept.

Attention:

Ryan M. Safty, Associate Planner

Job:

246 Almendra Ave. (510-14-019)

We transmit:

Letter regarding Consulting Architect Report

Ryan- we have received the report by Cannon Design Group dated 11-4-21, and have incorporated all of the suggestions into our latest design. Specifically, we have:

- 1. Extended the front first floor roof gable over the porch and eliminated the more delicate shed roof there:
- Continued the first floor eave and roof along the left side (west) façade to provide a continuous line and replaced the first floor siding in this area with stucco to be consistent with the overall design;
- 3. Reduced the front streetscape massing by redesigning the upper roof so that it is less imposing by sloping away from the street;
- 4. Redesigned the west side upper floor pop-outs to integrate more closely into the main roof form there:

5. Averaged the front setback between the two adjacent structures per the Town's code section 2.2.1 last bullet point (Where adjacent homes have differing setbacks, try placing the home such that it uses and average of the two), and concurred with the report's comment on page 7 stating "However, the adjacent commercial structure is set closer to the street so perhaps the last bullet point in the guideline might be considered applicable". Additionally, please see our separate letter and analysis on this subject.

In summation, we have followed all of the report's suggestions and believe the project to be more compatible with the neighborhood now. The architectural style of the project will blend in well with the neighborhood context, and the elimination of an existing parking lot and replacement with a new residence will be a benefit to the community.

Sincerely,

Brett Brenkwitz, Architect C 25,131